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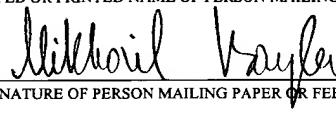
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the related parent patent application, U.S. Serial No. 08/988,224, filed December 10, 1997, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicants respectfully request that the references supplied in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 in the above-referenced parent application, as well as those cited during its examination, be made of record. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the PTO Forms

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1449 in the parent application are attached. Copies of the documents will be found in the above-referenced parent application.

It is respectfully requested that the parent application and the references cited therein be considered in the examination of this application and that their consideration be made of written record in the application file.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1895.

Respectfully submitted,

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